

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A socket for rotatably loosening or tightening a connection element, the socket comprising a socket body having a centerline, a first face, an opposing second face and a receiving slot extending from the first face to the second face, wherein the receiving slot includes a receiving region adjacent to the first face for receiving the connection element, the receiving region having a centerline that is offline from the centerline of the socket body, and wherein the second face includes a socket driver port having a centerline that is offline from the centerline of the socket body.
2. The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot is of a polygonal configuration.
3. The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot includes a plurality of stepped polygonal configurations.
4. The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the connection element is a nut with wings, said first face of the socket body including a plurality of wing slots for receiving and retaining the wings therein.
5. The socket as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the receiving region is of a rounded configuration.
6. The socket as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the receiving region is of a polygonal configuration.
7. The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the socket driver port is a ratchet port.
8. A socket for rotatably loosening or tightening a connection element, the socket comprising a cylindrical socket body having a centerline, a first face and an opposing second face, wherein an annulus having a centerline offset from the centerline of the socket body is

formed in the socket body and includes a receiving slot in a thinner portion of the annulus extending from the first face to the second face, wherein the annulus includes a receiving region adjacent to the first face for receiving the connection element, and wherein the second face includes a socket driver port formed in a thicker portion of the annulus.

9. The socket as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot is of a polygonal configuration.

10. The socket as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot includes a plurality of stepped polygonal configurations.

11. The socket as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the connection element is a nut with wings, said first face of the socket body including a plurality of wing slots for receiving and retaining the wings therein.

12. The socket as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the receiving region is of a rounded configuration.

13. The socket as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the receiving region is of a polygonal configuration.

14. The socket as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the socket driver port is a ratchet port.